



November 8, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION FOR THE APPOINTED AND
RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT COVERING
THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES.**

APPLICABLE ONLY TO LACERA (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Implement Government Code Section 31521.3 to provide compensation for the appointed and retired members of the Board of Retirement at the rate of \$100.00 per day, prorated for less than eight hours of work in a single day, effective January 1, 2008.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION

Members of the Board of Retirement appointed by the Board of Supervisors or elected by retirees currently receive a stipend in the amount of \$100 per meeting attended, not to exceed five (5) meetings per month.

Members of the Board of Retirement must review and analyze approximately 30 to 40 disability retirement cases each month. This places an extraordinary demand on board members, requiring them to spend 3 to 4 days each month reading and analyzing voluminous medical reports and case files.

It has been difficult for your Board to find citizens willing to serve on the Board of Retirement because of the demanding workload coupled with the enormous responsibility of having to make decisions that constitute life altering events for county employees and have significant financial consequences for the County.

AB 753 was signed into law during the 2007 legislative session to allow the above-noted Retirement Board members to be compensated for the review and analysis of disability retirement cases at the rate of \$100 per day, prorated for less than eight hours worked in a single day, which would equate to \$12.50 per hour. The number of hours compensated cannot exceed 32 hours in any single month, and the rate of compensation is to be adjusted by the Board of Retirement every two (2) years, with the first adjustment to take effect March 31, 2010.

The Board of Retirement, at its meeting on November 8, 2007, adopted a motion to submit this agenda item to your Honorable Board recommending that the compensation authorized by AB 753 be approved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The entire cost of administering the Retirement Association, including the expense of Board member compensation, is a charge on the earnings of the retirement fund. There would be no fiscal impact on the County resulting from this recommendation and there is no financing involved with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Those members of the LACERA Board of Retirement appointed by the Board of Supervisors or elected by the retirees currently receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, not to exceed 5 meetings per month, pursuant to Government Code Section 31521. Assembly Bill 753 enacts Government Code Section 31521.3, effective January 1, 2008, to authorize the compensation recommended in this agenda item.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Approval of this agenda item will not impact current county services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Approval of this agenda item will authorize compensation for the appointed and retired members of the Board of Retirement covering the extraordinary amount of time required

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to review and analyze disability retirement cases and will assist the Board of Supervisors in finding citizens willing to serve on the Board of Retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Rademacher', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

GREGG RADEMACHER
Chief Executive Officer

cc: LACERA Board of Retirement
LACERA Board of Investments
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County

Attachment

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